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## Deaf Services Commission of Iowa

### MISSION

The mission of DSCI is to service and represent the needs of Deaf and Hard of Hearing people, infant to adult, statewide.

### VISION

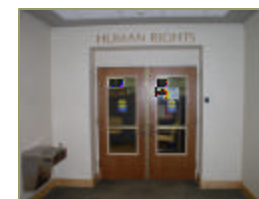
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Education  
and Access"***

## DSCI

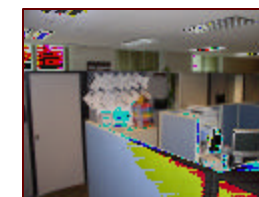
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# WHAT IS DEAF SERVICES COMMISSION OF IOWA?

## What is DSCI?

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- DSCI is a state agency located in the Iowa Department of Human Rights.
- Established in 1975.
- Reorganized to become a commission in 1986.
- 7 member commission is appointed by the Governor to oversee activities of the program and to establish policies.
- Dedicated to planning, coordinating & providing services to its primary customers, Deaf and Hard of Hearing people in Iowa.

## LIBRARY

Library

- ? Maintains resources and information to meet the accessibility needs of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing consumer.
- ? DSCI has a Directory of Resources Available.



## ADVOCACY

advocacy

- ? Assists primary customers, professionals and businesses with ADA compliance issues and policy development.
- ? Develops ways for primary customers to access information in ASL within the community and society.
- ? Maintains resources and information to meet the accessibility needs of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing consumer.
- ? Provides training and workshops on a wide variety of topics including interpreting, Policy Development, ADA Compliance, Senior Citizens issues, and issues facing families with Deaf or Hard of Hearing family members.
- ? Sponsors an annual youth leadership program modeled after its Commission. The Junior Commission Program offers a unique opportunity for leadership development and encourages Iowa's youth to carry on leadership roles.

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Community development

- ? Develops partnerships with local agencies and businesses to better serve the Deaf and Hard of Hearing.
- ? Facilitates advisory groups to direct DSCI on how to better meet the needs of the community.
- ? Works with agencies and individuals to make their programs and business accessible to Deaf and Hard of Hearing clients.

